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Expenses in Bullet Train Project
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of per km. High Speed Bullet Train project in comparison with broad gauge railway line project in the country;
(b) whether the Railways have conducted any study to ascertain the cost to be borne by rail passengers to travel in these trains;
(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether travelling by bullet train is more expensive than travelling by aircrafts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a): Generally, approximate cost of High Speed Rail Corridor is ` 100-140 crores per kilometer for double line, as compared to about ` 10-12 crores for ordinary broad gauge project. The cost may vary based on locality, geography and cost of land.

(b)&(c): A joint feasibility study in cooperation with Japan has been conducted for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor. The cost to be borne by Rail Passengers to travel in these trains, is dependent on several factors such as cost of construction, mode of financing, construction and operation and availability of Government support etc.
(d)&(e): These are not ascertainable in the absence of bullet trains in India.

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